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A Message from the New Incoming President

From Chris Ancelet N5MCY - Incoming President of the AARA

I am grateful to have been nominated and elected as your 2018 AARA President. I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank outgoing President, Eric Credeur, for all of the hard work and dedication that he has demonstrated for the 2017 year. With your help, I am certain that we will continue where Eric has left of and keep moving onward.

I recall my first AARA meeting only a few short years ago, at the Red Cross location in Scott like it was yesterday. I parked and nervously walked into the building not knowing what to expect. I was greeted by several members and sat next to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Breau when I introduced myself as a non-radio operator. When Tom Dischler heard I was from Acadia Parish, he immediately cornered me, provided his contact information and began to explain the ARES group in the area. I was further encouraged to study, test, and get licensed. I knew at that point, I was about to become afated with a good group of folks. A month later I drove over to Orange, TX to the annual Hamfest there and passed my Technician exam. I was so excited but also asked myself "What the heck do I do now?" Another month passed and I tested for my General at our Rayne Hamfest and passed again. I was able to make a good deal on my first HF rig and once I made my first contact I was hooked. A year later, I tested and passed my Extra exam at the 2017 Rayne Hamfest and it's been a very pleasurable experience since then.

As I attend each monthly meeting, I am constantly reminded as to the amount of diversity in the room. From engineers and bankers to computer programmers, oil field workers and healthcare providers, it is a simple reminder that your background has nothing to do with your eagerness to be an active member in the hobby we all share. Titles are checked at the door, discussions of station equipment are shared and stories of yesteryear are told. Young and old interface to share highlights and mistakes made throughout the years of operating. That is why we have such an easy time boasting that we have the "Best Hamfest/Club on the Gulf Coast".

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AARA "After The HAMFEST Banquet" & GENERAL MEETING

April 5, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

Lafayette Science Museum 433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA

www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

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DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

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Lafayette Science Museum

433 Jefferson Street

Lafayette, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>**Local 2-Meter Nets**

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM

146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net 7:00 PM

145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM

145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

EchoLink Node: 370324

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In my paid job, I lead the Quality, Health, Safety, and Environmental department (QHSE) for a large oilfield service provider. In my role, I have the pleasure of interfacing with lots of major oil companies and educating our workforce to make smarter decisions in the field to protect their health, safety and well-being. However, I also see the challenges these organizations face on a daily basis. Much of the nonprofit sector is challenged in the same ways as they attempt to address the challenges of financial sustainability, meeting demands and responding to an ever changing political environment. Fortunately, the AARA is built from a large group of specialized individuals to tackle any obstacles that may get in our way.

We have a great year in store, fed with opportunities and possibilities. I invite you to join us in a host of activities across the Acadiana area in the coming year as we come together to share in a fun and educational hobby. So, whether you've been involved with this organization for 50+ years, never, or somewhere in between, I invite you to join in our activities. Be a part of the excitement as we expand our efforts to make an even greater impact...

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AARA 58**HAMFEST WINNERS**

March 9-10, 2018 Rayne, LA

Our Grand Prize winner was:

Stan Owens Jr. WA5CAM Natchez MS

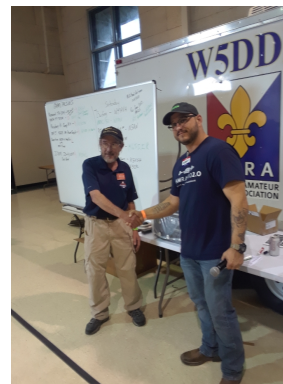
AMERITRON AL-800H Amplifier PLUS

MFJ AUTOTUNER

Friday Night Winners

Name:	Call:	QTH:	Prize:
Chris Ancelet	N5MCY	Egan LA	MFJ 269 Antenna Analyzer
Herman Campbell	KN5GRK	Lafayette LA	ICOM ID-31A Hamdheld
<u>Saturday Winners</u>			
Stan Owens Jr.	WA5CAM	Natchez MS	AMERITRON AL-800H Amplifier PLUS MFJ Auto Tuner
Frank Krize	K5SVC	Church Hill MS	ICOM ID-4100A
A J Powell	W5SPD	Lake Charles LA	MFJ 4225 Power Supply
Francis Boudreaux	WD5CFM	Thibodeaux LA	Raspberry PI Kit
Greg Dolan II	K5LFT	Lafayette LA	Yaesu FT-70DR Handheld
Charlse Clement Jr	K5CLE	Jennings LA	Kenwood TH-D74 Handheld

Kirby Comeaux KI5EE Lake Charles Fox Hunt Winner 100 Door Prize Tickets



March 2018 VE TEST SESSION



Seems as though we had a light turnout for testing this year but it was a successful session. The Ve crew helping out were Greg ~ K5LFT, Ric ~ KF5KEL, Ray ~ N5LRZ, Mitch ~ KB5TWL, Bret ~ KG5IQU, Synomen KG5IRS, Terry ~ W5TMP, Kendra ~ KF5FYS, Galen ~ KF5BET & Kirby ~ KI5EE.

Those testing and earning a Tech License were:

Frank Theriot KG5YYK of
New Iberia &

Kenneth Turner KG5YYL of
Lafayette.

Those upgrading to General were:
Arthur Laurent Jr. (KG5RFN) of
New Roads, Charles Gill
(KA5YKK) of Baton Rouge, Eric
Monier (KE5FNB) of Riceland,
Scott J. Kropog (KN5WWY) of
Kenner, Anthony Campisi
(KG5TON) of Abbeville & William
Jones (KG5AAB) of Brookhaven,
Ms. rounds out this General group.

All in all this was a pretty successful test session. Congratulations to those testing and many thanks to those VEs assisting.

73 de, GREG ~ K5LFT



ARRL Requests Expanded HF Privileges for Technician Licensees

02/28/2018

ARRL has asked the FCC to expand HF privileges for Technician licensees to include limited phone privileges on 75, 40, and 15 meters, plus RTTY and digital mode privileges on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. The FCC has not yet invited public comment on the proposals, which stem from recommendations put forth by the ARRL Board of Directors' Entry-Level License Committee, which explored various initiatives and gauged member opinions in 2016 and 2017.

"This action will enhance the available license operating privileges in what has become the principal entry-level license class in the Amateur Service," ARRL said in its [Petition](#). "It will attract more newcomers to Amateur Radio, it will result in increased retention of licensees who hold Technician Class licenses, and it will provide an improved incentive for entry-level licensees to increase technical self-training and pursue higher license class achievement and development of communications skills."

Specifically, ARRL proposes to provide Technician licensees, present and future, with phone privileges at 3.900 to 4.000 MHz, 7.225 to 7.300 MHz, and 21.350 to 21.450 MHz, plus RTTY and digital privileges in current Technician allocations on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. The ARRL petition points out the explosion in popularity of various digital modes over the past 2 decades. Under the ARRL plan, the maximum HF power level for Technician operators would remain at 200 W PEP. The few remaining Novice licensees would gain no new privileges under the League's proposal.

"ARRL requests that the Commission become a partner in this effort to promote Amateur Radio as a public benefit by making the very nominal changes proposed herein in the Technician class license operating privileges," the petition concluded.

Acadiana Amateur Radio Association and Lafayette Science Museum announces Triple D +1!

While Guy Fieri does Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives, The AARA sponsors the Delta Division D-STAR Day. Come hear from the experts on how to get started in D-STAR, how others are using D-Star for Public Service and Emergency Communications, as well as some of the programming/operational basics!

This event will be held at the Lafayette Science Museum, in Lafayette, Louisiana, May 5, 2018. 8:30AM -4:30PM

In Person:

Ray Novak, N9JA

John Davis, WB4QDX, GEMA and D-STARinfo.com

More in person:

George & Tommy from Amateurlogic.tv

Via Skype:

Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC, Internet Labs - DVAP & DV Dongle + MORE

If you are interested in this platform and or are not sure yet, this is the place to be.

NorthEast Louisiana Hamfest/Convention

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Location: **West Monroe Convention Center** 901 Ridge Avenue West Monroe, LA 71291

Website: <http://nelarc.org/hamfest.html>

Sponsor: **NorthEast Louisiana ARC** Type: ARRL Hamfest Talk-In: 146.850 – no PL tone

To reserve a flea market table: <http://NELARC.org/tables>

To register for FCC exam: <http://NELARC.org/testing>

We have purchased the raffle prizes. They are: Yaesu FT-DX1200 HF/6M Transceiver
RigExpert AA-30 Antenna
TyT MD-2017 Dual-band DMR Handheld

Receiver Public Contact:

Jim Ragsdale, W5LA

111 Eagle Lake Drive

Email: w5la@arrl.net

West Monroe, LA 71291 Phone: 318-372-7131

Check this website for other Louisiana Hamfest for 2018: <http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/hamfests.htm>

Piney Hills Amateur Radio Association KQ5T

Website: <http://www.phara.us>

12th ANNUAL PHARA HOT DOG SOCIAL

SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2018

Cook Parish Park

It is hot dog social time again!! Not only are we going to serve the best hot dogs and hamburgers free again this year as our gift to the ham community!!

If you plan to attend the Hot Dog Social this year, please [RSVP](#) so we can have plenty of Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and drinks for everyone!!

**WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING
CRAWFISH TICKETS!!**

\$15.00 PER TRAY

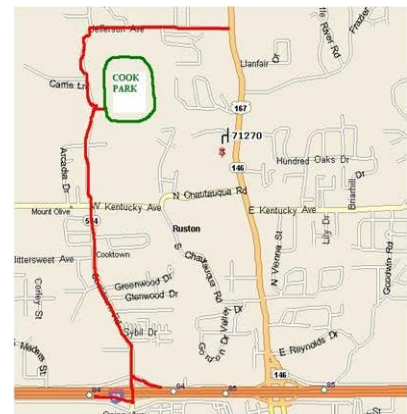
WITH CORN AND POTATOES!

Please purchase your tickets on or before APRIL 23, 2018.

A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase at the Hot Dog Social.

CRAWFISH DONATED BY PALMETTO ANTENNAS

Our goal for these hot dog socials spread friendship and to open dialogs between clubs and hams from different areas of the state.



March 1, 2018 AARA General Meeting Minutes

Eric Credeur KG5JHP, AARA President presided over the March 1, 2018 General Meeting which met at 7:00 PM at the Lafayette Science Museum.

Opening prayer by Tom W5OHJ.

Pledge of Allegiance by all and in Cajun French by Sandy KE5KJF.

A motion was made to accept the February 1, 2018 minutes by Derek WM5TS and seconded by Moe K2JDM and accepted by a majority.

The February Treasurer's report by Tom W5OHJ. The Treasurer's report is not published in the LARC newsletter, however if you are club member, contact Tom W5OHJ if you desire a copy. Tom gave a abbreviated report on the February treasury report. Most of this report was focused on money handling for the upcoming hamfest. He also stated that anyone with receipts for monies spent for hamfest purposes, to bring them to the hamfest in order to include them in the next general meeting treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the report. Motion accepted and passed by a majority vote.

New Business:

Special Event - Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP is working on getting permission to do another special event on Avery Island at the Tabasco plant to celebrate Tabasco's 150th Anniversary May 19th & 20th, 2018. The AARA sponsored a special event about six years ago and it was a great success and everyone had fun.

Hamfest Social - The "After the Hamfest Banquet" that normally takes place on the Saturday after the AARA Hamfest will be moved to the April 5th General Meeting. Reason: The Saturday after the hamfest (17th) is "St. Patrick's Day" and the 24th is the "Maker's Fair" at the LSM, and the 31st is too close to the April General Meeting, so it was agreed to have the banquet and April General Meeting combined on Thursday April 5th at 6:00 PM at the Lafayette Science Museum. It will be a covered dish affair with the club furnishing main entrée and soft drinks. New ofcers will be installed and VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM, and some prizes will be awarded to the top Monday Night Net check-in and a drawing will be held to the one that attended the General Meeting over the past year.

Old Business:

Club Dues - Club dues for 2018 are now past due. Your name will be removed from the club roster.

AARA Hamfest - Galen KF5BET gave a rundown on what is going on prior to the hamfest, mentioning the new Louisiana Tax Law on what is sold at the hamfest. This was a long discussion over the tax form and long drawn out. Tom W5OHJ (club treasurer) explained what was needed to take place on this matter. Galen KF5BET, went over what hamfest duties needed to be covered prior to and after the upcoming hamfest.

AMOS Storage - Chris Ancelet N5MCY will be storing AMOS II and a antenna trailer will be stored at his QTH in Egan, LA as soon as the weather clears up and the canopy and electrical wiring can be done.

Door Prizes - No door prizes were given out at this meeting. Attendance was 28 persons who signed in.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM, all agreed.

Minutes by:

Herman Campbell KN5GRK

SILENT KEY – James Edward Molan KG5IGG

James Edward Molan KD5IGG of Bunkie, Louisiana became a Silent Key on March 8, 2018 while surrounded by family. Funeral services were held on March 12, 2018.

Jim was a long time ARES members and served as the Louisiana Section Manager during the years 2015 and 2016. Jim attended many of the amateur radio functions in the state of Louisiana and had many friends and was loved by all who knew him. He was an expert Morse Code operator and could be found on many of the CW Traffic Nets and ARES voice nets.



He was born in 1933 in White Plains Alabama. His family relocated to Simsboro, LA when he was in the 7th grade where he obtained the rest of his education and grew into a respectable young man. In September of 1950, he enlisted in the Army infantry division at the age of 18 where he eventually served in Korea, but not before being named as a rifle expert. He later enlisted in the Louisiana National Guard where he was a tank leader in his battalion. Most of his civilian career was spent at CLECO, first utilizing the skills he had acquired in the military as a radio technician, then working his way to a microwave communications supervisor. When he retired in 1994, he had served for approximately 40 years. In his spare time, he worked with the American Red Cross and in 1997 was named as the National American Red Cross Disaster Relief Volunteer of the Year, an award presented to him by Elizabeth Dole in Louisville, KY. Jim's hobbies included reading about history, and enjoyed, engineering, woodworking, aerodynamics, and gardening along with flying remote controlled model airplanes which led to him getting his Pilot's License.

Jim will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our prayers go out to Jim and family and he will be greatly missed.



Sometimes the best kept secrets are kept out in plain sight. Only a HAM would be drawn to sights like these.

The 58th Acadiana Hamfest was a success for everyone.



This is what was hiding outside the 58th AARA Hamfest in Rayne, LA.

March 2018 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	0	Ø		N5KNY Paul
Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net	4	34	91		KF5FNP Glen
Silent Key Memorial Net	4	33	48		KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Thursday Night Net	5	47	170		KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.
 ~~~ Rabindranath Tagore

### AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Beginning January 1, 2018, the net will not rotate between repeaters but the Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater only.

During 2018, if you check into the net you will receive one (1) point, and if you stay for the 73 round, you will receive an extra point for a total of two(2). At the end of 2018, persons with the top score will receive a nice prize from the club. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held to chose a winner.

In case of a repeater failure, the alternate receiver will be the W5EXI repeater.

The April 2018 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website.

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

| DATE:      | TIME:   | REPEATER:     | PL TONE: | NCS          |
|------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| 04/09/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Danny KD5JSM |
| 04/16/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Paul N5KNY   |
| 04/23/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Eric KG5JHP  |
| 04/30/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Chris N5MCY  |



#### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

|       |        |         |
|-------|--------|---------|
| 04/06 | KE5JXC | ARNOLD  |
| 04/07 | KB1NRO | MICHAEL |
| 04/08 | KF5BET | GALEN   |
| 04/11 | N9QO   | WILLIAM |
| 04/13 | N4ELM  | DAVE    |
| 04/15 | KG5AYK | ROBERT  |
| 04/16 | KF5KEL | RIC     |
| 04/21 | KF5BEW | ABBI    |
| 04/23 | KG5LQM | BRANDON |
| 04/30 | N/A    | DAVE    |
| 05/07 | N5WE   | CHARLES |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

### REGION 4 ARES / SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 ARES / SkyWarn Net will take place on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater in Lafayette. Net Control Operators will alternate each week. You do not have to be a ARES member to participate. In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

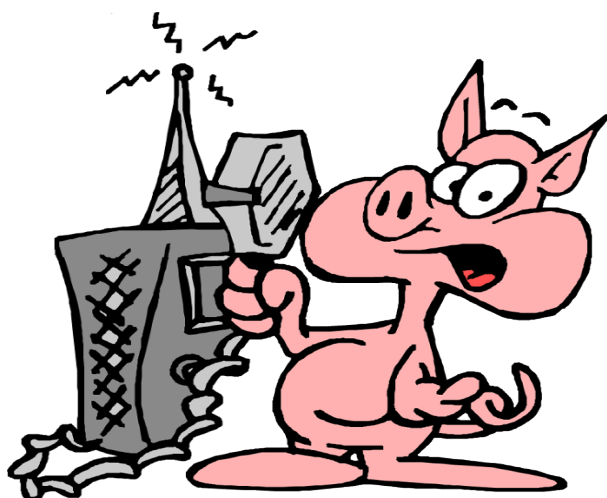
The April schedule can be found at this link:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5.

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Share the Fun -  
Bring a Friend to be a  
HAM !

CQ..CQ.

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### FRITTATA

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 Tbsp Onion – diced      | 2 Tbsp Bell Pepper – diced |
| 2 Tbsp Mushrooms -chopped | 2 Tbsp Zucchini – diced    |
| 3 Lg Eggs                 | Dab of Milk                |
| 1 tsp Butter or Margarine | Salt & Pepper to taste.    |

In a small bowl, mix Onion, Bell Pepper, Mushrooms, Salt & Pepper, and Zucchini together. In another bowl, scramble the Eggs with a Dab of Milk.

Use a small oven-proof non-stick 7-inch sauté pan on top of stove and melt Butter over Medium heat. Add egg mixture and cook until it starts to harden on the bottom, and pulls away from sides (about 1-2 minutes). Do not turn over.

Sprinkle vegetable mixture evenly over egg and press it into the egg..

Place in pre-heated oven at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes

Serves one, or possibly two. Only about 300 calories.

### *FCC Information Service*

*Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/ vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:*

[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).

*FCC Website:*

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

*New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/ VEC at 860-594-3000.*

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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